

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for January 8, 2014, through January 21, 2014
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2014-1034-O on Saturday, January 11, 2014

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Undersheriff Bart Bailey presented the Search and Rescue report for activity since the last meeting:

- 12/22/13, missing elderly man from Toquerville
- 12/26/13, missing elderly man from St. George
- 12/27/13, medical assist near Sand Hollow sand dunes
- 1/13/14, medical assist in Babylon area

Total man hours volunteered by the Search and Rescue team members was one hundred and six (106).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Reverse the Order of Items 2 and 3 on the Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

PRESENTATION OF PILT PAYMENT: DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES/ KEVIN BUNNELL

Mr. Kevin Bunnell, Regional Supervisor of the Division of Wildlife Resources, presented a check in the amount of one hundred twelve dollars and twenty cents (\$112.20) representing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for the year 2013 on land that the Division of Wildlife Resources owns in Washington County.

Mr. Bunnell also introduced Sgt. Paul Washburn, who oversees law enforcement for the Division of Wildlife Resources in four (4) counties: Washington, Kane, Iron, and Beaver.

PRESENTATION: WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT / RON THOMPSON

Washington County Water Conservancy District General Manager Ron Thompson presented a PowerPoint presentation concerning water issues and projects in the County, including current conditions, potential impacts, the Virgin River, and the future need for a broader, more diverse water supply. A copy of his PowerPoint is available upon request from the Water Conservancy District.

- The current water condition has gone from good to bleak; last year's snowpack was 106% of normal. This year is 83%, and other statistics are down, as well. This means that our reservoirs will not be as full this year as they were last year, so that this may shape up to be the third year of potentially significant drought. Figures are also down in other western states.
- One hundred percent (100%) of Washington County's water supply is dependent on the Virgin River Basin until a more diverse water supply is developed. Early spring runoff will have a negative impact on the reservoirs.
- Current projects include Ash Creek, Warner Valley, Lake Powell Pipeline, and Sand Hollow; the conversion of agriculture water to municipal uses, wastewater conservation, watershed projects, water treatment plants, and the use of ozone as a disinfectant.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / TREVOR COOMBS:

- Dixie Center, extractor \$10,946.49
- Road Department, spreader for snow plows \$15,959.00
- Sheriff's Office, ammunition \$12,229.16

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1778, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ROLLIN' WATERS FOR 2014 WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ATTRACTION

This attraction is for a vendor at the Washington County Fair. The contract has been thoroughly reviewed by the Attorney's Office.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1778, a Resolution Approving a Contract Between Washington County and Rollin' Waters for 2014 Washington County Fair Attraction. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1799, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND RE-APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC) advises the Commission on matters relating to the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, the desert tortoise habitat. The terms of Chris Blake, Marc Mortensen, and Mayor Chris Hart (Ivins) have expired, and the term of office of Mayor Karl Wilson of LaVerkin has ended. The various cities and organizations respectively recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Blake, Mr. Mortensen, and Mayor Hart, and the appointment of John Bramall, the newly-elected Mayor of Hurricane.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1799, A Resolution Appointing/Re-Appointing Board Members (Chris Blake, Marc Mortensen, Mayor Chris Hart, and Mayor John Bramall) to the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead updated the Commission on the status of County road projects:

- The Arizona Department of Transportation is still working on bridges throughout the Virgin River Gorge, resulting in increased traffic over Utah Hill/Old Highway 91. He advised caution when driving in that area. Traffic on I-15 is restricted to one lane in each direction.
- Bidding has been held for the Washington Dam Road improvement project to connect Washington Dam Road and Turf Sod Road coming out of Hurricane alongside the Southern Parkway. He asked for Commission ratification of the award of that project to JP Excavating, Inc., the apparent low bidder.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Award the Contract for the Washington Dam Road Improvement Project to JP Excavating, Inc., the apparent low bidder. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) River Road project at 1450 South is ongoing. There is extensive rock work going on, and he asked the public to avoid that area or proceed cautiously as heavy, slow-moving trucks and other equipment are in the area.
- The site showing for the upcoming project at Grandpa's Pond Site in Hurricane, LaVerkin Creek at Cholla Creek Subdivision in Toquerville, and Confluence Park will be held on Thursday, January 23rd. The bid opening for that project will be held next Tuesday, January 28th. Mr. Whitehead asked for Commission approval to move forward with that bid process.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Site Showing for the Grandpa's Pond, LaVerkin Creek at Cholla Creek Subdivision, Confluence Park Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS: REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 14, 2014

- Conditional Use Permit: Review request for a thirty-foot tall antenna for internet service, located at 176 West Little Pony Lane in Pine Valley in a RE-40 zone; Jim & Beverly Udell/American Wireless, Inc., applicants.
- Conditional Use Permit: Review of proposed telecommunication tower located on the west side of Dixie Drive at approximately 1500 South in the A-10 zone, Parcel 7516-A; Orwin & Velda Gubler/Intellisites, applicants.
- Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension of Gravel Pit operations located in Section 16, T42S, R14W, SLBM, generally located 1/4 mile east of the Washington County Landfill in the OST-20 zone; Dee Atkin/Western Rock/Red Canyon Contractors, applicants.

Mr. Messel said that all items were unanimously approved by the Planning Commission.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN